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BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of) DEFAULT ORDER
JANEK GALA) REVOKING LICENSE
)

On or about July 17, 1997, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission received information from Ted Adams, Superintendent of Eagle Point School District, indicating that Janek Gala resigned in lieu of termination for insubordination and unprofessional conduct. The Resignation Agreement, dated June 3, 1996, was effective April 24, 1996. On January 16, 1998 the Commission took action to suspend Mr. Gala's teaching license for failure to comply with the fingerprinting requirement. On March 13, 1998, the Commission took action to charge Mr. Gala with violation of TSPC Standards.. The Executive Director took action to notify Mr. Gala of intent to revoke his right to reinstate his Oregon Teaching License, and to inform him of his opportunity for hearing.

The notice was dated March 18, 1998, and signed by David V. Myton, Executive Director, was sent by U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. The Certified Mail was returned to TSPC marked "Refused." However, the U.S. First Class Mailing was not returned to TSPC. Mr. Janek did not request a hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Janek Gala violated ORS 342.175 (1) (b) and (c) and (5) and OAR 584-020-0010, 0035, and 0040 AND ORS 342.223 by:

1. Exhibiting angry, hostile and aggressive behavior towards students, staff and administrators in Eagle Point School District from 1986 through 1996 as delineated in a letter to Mr. Gala from Ted Adams, Superintendent of the district, dated March 27, 1996.
2. Using unreasonable force and inappropriate language in breaking up a fight between students on or about October 5, 1993.
3. Refusing to comply with Oregon law requiring fingerprints for renewal of licenses resulting in suspension of Mr. Gala's Standard Teaching License on January 16, 1998 for failure to re-submit fingerprint cards.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Janek Gala's behavior fails to meet the expectations of Standards of Competent and Ethical Performance for Oregon Educators.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Under ORS 342.177 and OAR 584-020-0010 the Commission may impose disciplinary sanctions when educators fail to meet Standards of Competent and Ethical Performance for Oregon Educators. These sanctions include suspending a license and revoking the privilege to apply for a license.

ORDER

The Commission revokes the right of Janek Gala to apply for reinstatement of his suspended Oregon Teaching License #235015, for failure to comply to comply with Standards of Competent and Ethical Performance for Oregon Educators.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1998.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: David V. Myton
David V. Myton, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me as such by regular U.S. mail and by U.S. Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested to:

Janek Gala
9989 Highway 227
Trail, OR 97511

Dated this 19th day of May, 1998.

By: Charlene A. Smith
Charlene A. Smith
Executive Assistant